(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has requested that the amount under voluntary retirement scheme be reimbursed by the Central Government under NRF Scheme for the staff workers of MSTC and Texcom; and

(b) if so, the amount claimed by the Government of Maharashtra and the amount released by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, NRF assistance is limited to Central Public Sector Undertakings only.

Clearance of proposals for overseas Loans to Power Companies

142. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power companies which have submitted proposals for overseas loans; and

(b) the steps taken for early clearance for the proposals by the Ministry of Finance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The following proposals for external commercial borrowing (ECB) for setting up power plants is under consideration of the Government:

Name of Company	Amount (US $ ml)	Purpose
Klen & Marshalls Mfg. & Exports Ltd.	19.65	To set up Wind Power Plant (A.P. & Tamil Nadu)
DLF Power	14.80	To set up 7 Power Projects over three States
Balagarh Power Company Ltd.	190.00	2×500 MW Coal based Power Plant in West Bengal
Reliance Bawana Power Pvt. Ltd.	225.00	Project finance (421 MW at Delhi)
Reliance Patalganga Power Pvt. Ltd.	300.00	Project finance (410 MW in Maharashtra)
Reliance Jamnagar Power Pvt. Ltd.	265.00	Project finance (500 MW in Gujarat)
Rosa Power Supply Co. Ltd.	300.00	Set up Power Plant in U.P. (500 MW Coal fired)
NTPC	250.00	Kayamkulam Project (400 MW)
Central India Power Co. Ltd.	974.69	To set up Bhadravati Thermal Power Project (2×536 MW)
GBL Power	50.00	To set up 125-150 MW Power Plant in M.P.
Essar Power	138.00	510 MW at Hazira
Orissa Power Generation Corp.	101.45	2×210 MW Thermal Power Station in Ib Valley
Power Grid (Exim-J)	400.00	NRTS

(b) Revised guidelines for issue of ECB approvals were issued on 18.5.1995 and all proposals which are in conformity with these guidelines are being cleared expeditiously. To ensure that ECB requirements for financing immediate foreign currency capital expenditures are met on priority basis, it is ensured that the projects have the requisite clearances, such as the environmental clearances; FIPB/ CEA clearances, if required; and Power Purchase Agreement, etc., before the projects are considered for grant of approval.

Financial Assistance for Kayamkulam Thermal Plant

143. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present estimated cost of Kayamkulam Thermal Plant and is there any variation from the original estimated cost, if so, reasons therefor;

(b) how much amount is so far expended for Kayamkulam Thermal Plant; and

(c) whether NTPC is intending to seek financial assistance from outer agencies for the plant and if NTPC fails to get such financial assistance what will be the future of the Kayakulam Thermal Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) As per investment approval for Kayamklam Combined Cycle Power Project (400 MW) accorded by the Government in August, 1995, the estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1310.58 crores based on III quarter, 1994 price level. There is no revision of this cost estimate till date.

(b) An amount of Rs. 14.96 crores has been spent on this project till October, 1995.

(c) As per Government approval accorded in August, 1995, the funding of the project which is being implemented by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is through internal resources of the company, market borrowings and external commercial borrowings. However, in order to utilise the funds available under US $ 400 million time-slice loan from the World Bank, efforts are being made by NTPC for approval of World Bank/Government to the same.

उत्पाद शुल्क की बकाया राशि

144. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव::

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकारी प्रयासों के बावजूद 30 नवम्बर, 1994 तक लगभग 2658 करोड़ रुपये की राशि उत्पाद शुल्क के रूप में बकाया थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इतनी बड़ी राशि के बकाया रहने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार के पास राजस्व की बकाया राशि के बारे में कम्पनी-वार सूचना नहीं है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): (क) और (ख) 30 नवम्बर, 1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार, पंजीकृत एककों/निर्धारितियों की ओर केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क की 2658.47 करोड़ रुपये की राशि बकाया थी। इसमें से अधिकांश राशि उच्चतम न्यायालय/उच्च न्यायालयों/सीमाशुल्क, उत्पाद शुल्क एवं स्वर्ण नियंत्रण (अपीलीय अधिकरण तथा आयुक्त अपील) के समक्ष पड़े वादों में रुकी पड़ी है।

(ग) और (घ) राजस्व की बकाया राशि के बारे में सूचना केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क के आयुक्तों द्वारा निर्माणकर्ता एककों के नामों के अनुसार रखी जाती है।